GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3303
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REVISION OF PROJECT ESTIMATES OF DRINKING WATER SUBMISSION PROJECT .
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether some State Governments have requested the Union Government to bear75% share of sharable amount arisen due to revision of the project estimates of drinking water sub-mission projects; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and the decision taken thereon, so far?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ANNASAHEB M. K. PATIL)

(a) & (b) Yes Sir. Requests for bearing proportionate cost by the Government of Indiadue to revision of project estimates of drinking water Sub-Mission projects were received from the State Governments of Andhra Pradesh, Punjab, Kerala and Karnataka.

(c) & (d) Rural Water Supply is a State subject and rural drinking water supply schemesare implemented by the State Governments from their own resources. The Central Government supplements the efforts of the States by providing funds under the Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP). With effect from, 1.4.1998, powers to plan, sanction and implement schemes and projects under ARWSP Sub- Mission to tackle quality problems and sustainability issues have been delegated toStates. Prior to 1.4.1998, while sanctioning the projects under Sub-Mission it was particularly indicated in the sanction orders that Government of India will not meet any escalation cost of the said sanctioned projects. The inability of the Government of Indiato meet additional expenditure on account of cost escalation in respect of the Sub- Mission projects sanctioned by the Rajiv Gandhi National Drinking Water Mission has been conveyed to the concerned State Governments.